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**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** Page S2255

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—154) Page S2234

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:48 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, April 20, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2256.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Department of Education, after receiving testimony from Arne Duncan, Secretary, and Thomas Skelly, Chief Financial Officer, both of the Department of Education.

### APPROPRIATIONS: NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, after receiving testimony from Charles F. Bolden, Jr., Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine U.S. Pacific Command and U.S. Forces Korea in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Admiral Samuel J. Locklear III, USN, Commander, U.S. Pacific Command, and General Curtis M. Scaparrotti, USA, Commander, United Nations Command, Combined Forces Command, and U.S. Forces Korea, both of the Department of Defense.

### REGULATORY BURDENS TO OBTAINING MORTGAGE CREDIT

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine regulatory burdens to obtaining mortgage credit, including S. 682, to amend the Truth in Lending Act to

modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage, S. 351, to prevent homeowners from being forced to pay taxes on forgiven mortgage loan debt, S. 812, to enhance the ability of community financial institutions to foster economic growth and serve their communities, boost small businesses, increase individual savings, H.R. 685, to amend the Truth in Lending Act to improve upon the definitions provided for points and fees in connection with a mortgage transaction, and H.R. 1210, to amend the Truth in Lending Act to provide a safe harbor from certain requirements related to qualified mortgages for residential mortgage loans held on an originating depository institution's portfolio, after receiving testimony from Tom Woods, National Association of Home Builders, Blue Springs, Missouri; Chris Polychron, National Association of REALTORS, Hot Springs, Arkansas; J. David Motley, Colonial Savings, F.A., Fort Worth, Texas, on behalf the Mortgage Bankers Association; and Julia Gordon, Center for American Progress, Washington, D.C.

### ANNUAL ENERGY OUTLOOK FOR 2015

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Energy Information Administration's Annual Energy Outlook for 2015, after receiving testimony from Adam Sieminski, Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy.

### CONGRESS AND THE UNITED STATES TARIFF POLICY

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine Congress and the United States tariff policy, after receiving testimony from Jacob Lew, Secretary of the Treasury; Thomas Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture; and Michael Froman, United States Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original bill entitled, "Every Child Achieves Act of 2015";

An original bill entitled, "WIOA Technical Amendments Act"; and

The nominations of Ericka M. Miller, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, and Michael Keith Yudin, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, both of the Department of Education,

## INTELLIGENCE

Committee recessed subject to the call.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 59 public bills, H.R. 1830–1888; 1 private bill, H.R. 1889; and 7 resolutions, H.J. Res. 45; H. Con. Res. 37–39; and H. Res. 207–209, were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Death Tax Repeal Act of 2015:** The House passed H.R. 1105, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the estate and generation-skipping transfer taxes, by a recorded vote of 240 yeas to 179 nays, Roll No. 161.

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Rejected the Nolan motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 186 yeas to 232 nays, Roll No. 160.

Pages H2285–86, H2290–91

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–74, shall be considered as adopted.

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H. Res. 200, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 622), (H.R. 1105), and (H.R. 1195) was agreed to yesterday, April 15th.

**State and Local Sales Tax Deduction Fairness Act of 2015:** The House passed H.R. 622, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the deduction of State and local general sales taxes, by a yea-and-nay vote of 272 yeas to 152 nays, Roll No. 159.

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Rejected the Neal motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 179 yeas to 243 nays, Roll No. 158.

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Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–74, shall be considered as adopted.

H. Res. 200, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 622), (H.R. 1105), and (H.R. 1195) was agreed to yesterday, April 15th.

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**Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress—Reappointment:** The Chair announced, on behalf of the Clerk of the House, pursuant to 44 United States Code 2702, the reappointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress: Dr. Sharon Leon, Fairfax, Virginia.

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**Meeting Hour:** Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, April 17th and further, when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, April 19th and that the order of the House of January 6, 2015, regarding morning-hour debate not apply on that day.

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**Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group: Representative Huizenga (MI), Chairman.

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H2292.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2289–90, H2290, H2290–91, and H2291–92. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 2:19 p.m.